

Ellendale Man Arrested for Domestic Assault and Pursuit – Lewes

Lewes – The Delaware State Police have charged 36 year old Timothy Rossi Jr. of Ellendale with multiple offenses related to a domestic assault and pursuit that occurred Saturday morning.

The incident began at approximately 8:00 a.m., Saturday, September 7, 2019 when Troopers responded to the Red Mill Inn, located at 16218 Coastal Hwy., Lewes for a physical domestic. Upon arrival they made contact with a female victim who advised that she had been physically assaulted by Rossi. After the altercation Rossi reportedly fled in a silver Chevrolet Suburban with Delaware tags.

A short time later an officer from the Milton Police Department located the vehicle on Front St. in Milton and attempted to perform a traffic stop, however Rossi refused to stop and a pursuit ensued.

During the pursuit, which proceeded through Georgetown and Ellendale, Rossi drove directly at responding officer's vehicles on multiple occasions, causing a substantial risk of harm. Troopers were able to deploy Stop Sticks which disabled Rossi's vehicle and it ultimately came to a stop on Maple Branch Rd. in Ellendale. After a brief struggle, during which a Trooper sustained minor injuries, Rossi was taken into custody. Upon being taken into custody marijuana was located on Rossi's person as well as in the vehicle.

Further investigation resulted in the search of a second vehicle possessed by Rossi, which produced a box containing 31 rounds of Federal 380 ammunition, for which he is prohibited to possess.

Rossi was transported to Troop 4 where he was charged with the following criminal offenses along multiple traffic charges related to the pursuit:

- Assault 1st Degree
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony
- Reckless Endangering 1st Degree (3 counts)
- Disregarding a Police Officers Signal
- Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited
- Resisting Arrest
- Malicious Mischief by a Vehicle
- Possession of Marijuana

He was also charged with the following offenses related to the domestic assault:

- Possession of Ammunition by a Person Prohibited
- Strangulation
- Reckless Endangering 1st degree
- Unlawful Imprisonment
- Malicious Interference with Emergency Communications
- Offensive Touching

Rossi was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #3 and then committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$205,605.00 cash bail.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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